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SUBJECT: PRAVDA REPORT ON GENEVA MEETING ON HOSTAGES

1. APRIL 5 PRAVDA CARRIES SIGNED ARTICLE ON CONCLUSION
OF SECOND SESSION OF THE UN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE
PROBLEM OF HOSTAGES. ARTICLE STICKS TO SOVIET LINE
DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN ACTIONS TAKEN BY NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND "CRIMINAL TERRORISTS."

2. ARTICLE CITES SOVIET DELEGATE AS SAYING THAT, DURING
THE SESSION, VIEWPOINTS OF VARIOUS DELEGATIONS MOVED
CLOSER TOGETHER BUT DIFFERENCES OVER QUESTIONS OF
PRINCIPLE REMAIN. ARTICLE THEN DESCRIBES "NON-ALIGNED"
COUNTRIES - SUPPORTED BY THE "SOCIALIST STATES" - AS
TAKING THE LEAD IN:

-- REJECTING FRG PROPOSALS ON BASIS THAT THEY DO NOT
INCLUDE GUARANTEES THAT "WOULD EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY
OF USING THE CONVENTION TO THE DETRIMENT OF NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS;"

-- PROPOSING A DRAFT ARTICLE THAT WOULD ESTABLISH SUCH
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GUARANTEES. COMMENTARY STRONGLY CRITICIZES U.S. AND
OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS FOR NOT ACCEPTING THIS
PROPOSAL;

-- CONFIRMING THAT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS NEVER
RESORT TO THE SEIZURE OF HOSTAGES IN PURSUING THEIR
OBJECTIVES.

3. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY HOLDING THAT WESTERN DELEGATIONS
WERE ALSO UNABLE TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES AMONG
THEMSELVES DURING THE CONFERENCE, EXCEPT TO SUGGEST
FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IN 1979. TOON

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